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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

REFS: (A) MANILA 5004, (B) MANILA 5135

1. FOR GENEVA: MISSION SHOULD PRESS UNHCR TO URGE GOP TO ASSUME ITS SOVEREIGN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REFUGEES MENTIONED REF (A) AND FOR WORKING OUT THEIR RESETTLEMENT IN PHILIPPINES OR IN THIRD COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONNECTION UNHCR SHOULD SEEK INFLUENCE GOP TO DESIST FROM DIRECTING VESSEL TO SUBIC BAY. UNHCR AND GOP SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT CRITERIA OF U.S. PROGRAM ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED, COVERING ONLY COMPELLING CASES OF HUMANITARIAN NEED PARTICULARLY IN REUNITING REFUGEES WITH CLOSE RELATIVES IN U.S.

2. FOR MANILA: DEPARTMENT GRATIFIED THAT EMBASSY HAS MADE U.S. POLICY CLEAR TO UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE AND TO PAPAL
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NUNCIO AND TRUSTS EMBASSY WILL MAINTAIN ITS FIRM STAND

VERSUS GOP IN EVENT REFUGEES ARRIVE SUBIC BAY. WITH REGARD
SUGGESTION FOR TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS AT CLARK AND SUBIC
PER PARA 8, REF (B), ANY TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD
NOT REPEAT NOT BE MADE BY U.S. AUTHORITIES. IF THEY ARE
NECESSARY, THEY SHOULD BE MADE BY GOP OR BY CHURCH AUTHORI-
TIES AT OLONGAPO OR MANILA.
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